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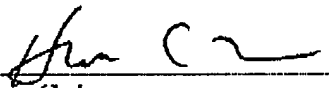
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Office Action mailed February 16, 2006,
Applicants elect Group I drawn to the embodiment of a polymer
composition. Further, pursuant to election of species,
Applicants elect claims 1, 2, 9-12, and 16-19 from Group I. The
election is made without traverse.

Rejoinder under MPEP § 821.04

The Office Action fails to advise that Applicants are
entitled to rejoinder of process claims upon an election of the
group drawn to product claims. As specified in MPEP § 821.04,
when an election is made to a group drawn to product claims,
Applicants are entitled to rejoinder of all process claims which
recite all features of the product claims. See, MPEP § 821.04.

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Where product and process claims drawn to independent and distinct inventions are presented in the same application, applicant may be called upon under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect claims to either the product or process. See MPEP § 806.05(f)(f) and 806.05(h). The claims to the nonelected invention will be withdrawn from further consideration under 37 CFR 1.142. See MPEP § 809.02(c)(c) and 821 through 821.03. However, if applicant elects claims directed to the product, and a product claim is subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims which depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claim will be rejoined.

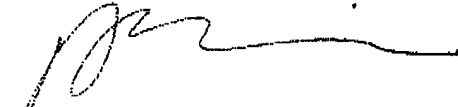
Accordingly, Applicants reserve the right to rejoinder of all process claims 3-8 if the elected product claims are subsequently found allowable.

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